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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation, as a
Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and
Provide Natural Gas Service in the Town of Morrison and a
Portion of the Town of Holland, Brown County, Wisconsin

6690-CG-144

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the December 7, 1998, application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPS), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133, to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in the Town of Morrison and a portion of the Town of Holland, Brown County, Wisconsin.

WPS is a Wisconsin public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5), engaged in the distribution and sale of natural gas to the public, in the City of Green Bay and other cities, villages, and towns in northeast and north central Wisconsin.

A portion of this project includes service to the current WPS gas-franchised areas in the Towns of Wrightstown, Rockland and Ledgeview in Brown County, Wisconsin. No utility natural gas service is currently being rendered to the Town of Morrison.

WPS and Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC)(formerly Milwaukee Gas Light Company) entered into a territorial agreement dated February 26, 1965, covering portions of Brown, Calumet and Outagamie Counties, including the Town of Holland, Brown County. WGC currently serves a portion of the Town of Holland. WPS is applying to the Commission to serve only those areas in the Town of Holland that correspond to the area assigned to WPS in the territorial agreement or to any future changes in the territorial agreement agreed to both by WPS and WGC, and approved by the Commission. Therefore, the Commission will consider WPS's request for authorization to construct facilities and provide natural gas service in portions of the Town of Holland, Brown County, under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.49 and 196.50, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133.

Under the service area division described in the February 26, 1965, territorial agreement, WGC is assigned sections 26, 27, 34 and 35 in T 21 N, R 19 E, the west part of the Town of Holland. WPS is assigned the remaining portions of the Town of Holland.

The following are the total estimated project costs for the first year:

Description	Quantity	Cost
2" plastic main	255,131 Ft.	\$ 685,101
3" plastic main	32,683	108,763
4" plastic main	35,269	177,415
6" plastic main	24,585	163,840
First Year Meter/Regulator/Service	518	\$ 293,706
Miscellaneous and Unforeseen Costs		<u>\$ 34,054</u>
Total Estimated Project Costs		\$1,462,879

WPS plans to complete this gas extension under their Area Expansion Program (AEP). Financing requirements are available to WPS out of current funds, or through short-term borrowing. WPS proposes to render service from delivery points on the existing WPS distribution system on County Road PP and Dickenson Road in the Town of Ledgeview, Brown County, Wisconsin.

The Town of Holland, Brown County, Wisconsin, adopted an ordinance on November 2, 1998, granting WPS the authority to provide natural gas in the Town of Holland. The Town of Morrison, Brown County, Wisconsin, adopted an ordinance on October 2, 1997, granting WPS the authority to provide natural gas in the Town of Morrison.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate the application without hearing unless an interested party requests a hearing within 10 working days of the date this notice is mailed.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from Wisconsin Public Service Corporation in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant

environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to get this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator John R. Vogt, Natural Gas Division, at (608) 267-3374.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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